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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)(100-3-68) (100-3-69)

DATE: 9/21/56

FROM

SAO, SAN FRANCISCO (100-28810)

SUBJECT:

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS

CP USA - ORGANIZATION CP USA - MEMBERSHIP



Reference Bulet 9/14/56 requesting accomplishments of the San Francisco Division during the intensification of the above captioned investigation.

The scope of the problem in this Division has been outlined by information received from confidential sources which have furnished up-to-date figures by counties of the Communist Party membership. In order to ascertain how effective our efforts have been to identify the individuals comprising this membership, this Office has set up a procedure of making a complete compilation, every four months, of all identified CP members and the group to which they are assigned. By letters dated 2/29/56 and 6/28/56 under the caption "CP USA Organization-Membership," this Office has furnished the Bureau copies of this compilation.

The 1956 CP registration figures as of March 1956 show a total of 947 members for all counties within the San Francisco Division. We feel we know who these people are; they are on the Security Index. Moreover, 630, or two thirds of the total membership, can actually be placed in the particular club or position assigned. The total number of individuals included in the Security Index of this Office is 1358. Substantial progress under this intensification program has been made during the past year as reflected in these surveys and the next four month survey due on 10/20/56, will reflect additional gains.

The approach to the problem of complete identification of all CP members in the San Francisco Division has been as follows:

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- 1) Security squad assignment of personnel has been patterned to conform to the organization structure of the CP. In metropolitan areas where CP sections are large there are co-ordinators assigned to direct the efforts of personnel investigating neighborhood and industrial sections. Office space is also assigned in conformity with this breakdown.
- 2) A co-ordinator and agents with specialized experience are assigned problems in developing highly confidential sources. 26 new, highly confidential sources have been developed within the past six months. During this period these sources have furnished 5600 photographs of CP records.
- A surveillance calendar is maintained on which correlation is made of information coming from informants, highly confidential and technical sources regarding the scheduled CP meetings. This calendar has afforded advance information so that productive physical surveillances of CP meetings have been scheduled.
- 4) The periodic survey of the membership and organization mentioned above has provided direction for concentrated investigative efforts in those areas where our penetration of the CP was not well developed.
- 5) The importance of long term coverage of the CP through live informants has been strongly emphasized. Five informants have been admitted as new members into the CP within the past six months.
- 6) The current political and organizational crisis within the CP has caused several defections and stirred much critical discussion within the Party. This has been followed closely for the purpose of turning these members and utilizing them as informants.

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- 7) The growing factionalism within the CP leadership and the divergent opinion and direction of the membership is being studied so that the future programs and organizational form of the CP may be anticipated.
- A program of concentrated physical surveillances has been instituted in those areas where identification of CP membership was not adequate. In the East Bay region a successful surveillance of the 20th Century Bookstore, a distribution point for CP literature, was conducted. Identification of club literature directors and CP meetings which they attended was effected in this manner. Selected surveillances of CP functionaries have been conducted at night which has led to coverage of section and club meetings.

The future plans for effecting the identification of the entire CP membership within the San Francisco Division includes the continued application of the above methods to future investigative opportunities. These opportunities are expected to develop out of reorganization of the party; the scheduled conventions on the section and county levels prior and subsequent to the National Convention in February 1956 and the new CP policy of de-emphasizing security precautions.

SAC, Albany

Director, FBI (100-358086)

COMMUNIST INDEX

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Re SAC Letter 56-56 (L) dated October 30, 1956; containing instructions with regard to the reconstruction of the Communist Index.

In the past, field office files have been stamped "CI" on the front cover to designate those subjects of main case files on whom Communist Index cards existed. In order that file covers can definitely reflect those cases in which a Communist Index card is prepared under existing instructions set out in referenced SAC Letter, you should arrange to have the main case files stamped with the letters "RCI."

Stamps for this purpose should be purchased locally.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE:

12/27/56

FROM:

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-28810)

SUBJECT:

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ReBulet 11/23/56 and SAC Letter 56-56 (C), 10/30/56.

Instructions set forth in Section (C) of SAC Let 56-56 have been accomplished by the San Francisco Office.

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SECURITY INDEX SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION TOP FUNCTIONARIES, CPUSA

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Reurlet October 2, 1957.

The Bureau approves your/recommendation that William Schneiderman be continued on the top functionary list and that Artie Brown be removed from this list.

The Bureau will not approve your further recommendation that Albert Jason Lima, Al Richmond and Joseph Figueiredo be designated as top functionaries because of their membership on the National Committee, CPUSA.

As set out in Section 87C of the Manual of Instructions, the Bureau desires that the top functionary list remain highly selective. Membership on the National Committee, CPUSA, is not considered of itself sufficient justification to designate a particular subject as a top functionary.

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cc 100-192019 (Richmond) cc 61-7508 (Lima)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358036)

DATE: 10/2/57

FROM

: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-28810)

SUBJECT:

SECURITY INDEX
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
TOP FUNCTIONARIES, CP USA

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN (Bufile 61-7618) and ARTIE BROWN (Bufile 100-3282) are currently designated as Top Functionaries. It is recommended that the Bureau consider retention of this designation of SCHNEIDERMAN, who is a member of the National Committee, CP USA, deletion of this designation of BROWN, who is no longer a member of the National Committee, and addition of this designation for the following subjects of the San Francisco Division who are new members of the National Committee:

ALBERT JASON LIMA (Bufile 61-7508) AL RICHMOND (Bufile 100-192019) JOSEPH COELHO FIGUEIREDO (Bufile 100-1557)

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Reurlet dated September 25, 1957, captioned "Nation of Islam, San Francisco Division, IS - NOI."

The Bureau agrees with your observation that the names of individual members of the Nation of Islam should be included in your Communist Index in those instances in which insufficient information is available to justify their inclusion in the Security Index. Thile this Index is referred to as the Communist Index, the names included therein are not necessarily limited to individuals affiliated with the communist movement.

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SAC, San Francisco (100-28810) (65-1242) November 25, 1957

Director, FBI (100-358086) (61-7508)

SECURITY INDEX
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
TOP FUNCTIONARY
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

ALBERT-JASON LIMA INTERNAL SECURITY - C SMITH ACT OF 1940 INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurlet November 14, 1957, recommending that the Bureau consider designating Lima a top functionary.

In view of Lima's membership on the National Committee, CPUSA, and the National Executive Committee, CPUSA, as well as the fact that he is also the chairman of the Northern California District of the CP, you are authorized to designate Lima a top functionary.

Security Index cards reflecting this designation will be transmitted to your office in the immediate future.

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TO _____DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: November 14, 1957

FROM

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-28810)

subject:

SECURITY INDEX
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
TOP FUNCTIONARIES
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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Re San Francisco letter to Bureau dated October 2, 1957, and Bureau letter to San Francisco dated October 15, 1957.

The San Francisco Office feels that ALBERT JASON LIMA (Aka. MICKEY LIMA) should be designated a top functionary by the Bureau since LIMA is both a member of the Communist Party National Committee and the Communist Party National Executive Committee. LIMA is also the paid full-time Chairman of the Northern California District Communist Party Organization.

The San Francisco Office believes that LTMA as Chairman of the Northern California District Communist Party and a member of the National Communist Party Executive Committee, requires continuous investigative attention. LTMA in his position as Chairman of the Northern California District Communist Party and as a member of the National Communist Party Executive Committee is on a high policy making level of the Communist Party, USA.

It is therefore recommended by the San Francisco Office that the Bureau again consider designating MICKEY LIMA a top functionary.

Since LTMA has previously been designated a key figure by the San Francisco Office, photographs and handwriting specimens have previously been sent to the Bureau.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/15/58

8AC, <u>SAN FRANCISCO</u> (100-44408)

Suggestion # 536-59

SUBJECT:

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS - COMMUNIST INDEX - SECURITY INDEX

The Bureau has just undertaken a new program to review the Communist Index and to bring it up to date as an auxiliary and a "back stop" to the Security Index.

The current practice is to remove the Security Flash when a person is removed from the Security Index. Each person removed from the Security Index automatically is placed on the Revised Communist Index. Since individuals removed from the Security Index are of more importance to us now than they have been in the past, and since no expense or additional administrative effort should be involved, SA FRANCIS M. CONNOLLY of this office has suggested that we no longer remove the Security Flash when we remove an individual from the Security Index.

The benefit of leaving the Security Flash on the subject would be that we would learn of his arrest, his application for certain types of employment, or the fact that he had moved from our territory, by means of such retention.

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-44408)

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SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS

COMMUNIST INDEX

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ReBulet to Albany 10/2/58.

The following analysis of the Communist Index in the San Francisco Office may be of some aid to the Bureau in determining the effects of relet upon the Field as a whole.

The old Communist Index in this Division consisted of about 12,000 cards. Upon the receipt of SAC Letter 55-56 (L), 10/30/56, which set up new standards for the revised Communist Index and stated the purpose of the Communist Index to be an auxiliary to "back up" the Security Index in time of emergency, it was realized that the 12,000-card Communist Index in this Division was too unwieldy and out-of-date to serve its purpose.

Therefore, it was decided to bring it into line with the standards of the revised Communist Index as simply and as quickly as possible. Each Agent assigned to the five Security and Espionage Squads was assigned a proportionate number of cards in alphabetical order. He was asked to review the files represented by the cards - nearly all closed - and advise the Security Index Clerk if the person was eligible for the revised Communist Index. These file reviews took place on a strictly voluntary basis at night in the closed files section. No cases were opened and no administrative detail was involved.

The survey was completed between 11/15/56 and 2/15/57 and reduced the old Communist Index of 12,000 to about 1,350, which truly represented an auxiliary to the Security Index.

Subsequently, the Supervisors noted that material indicating continued subversive activities was being channelized into the files of persons on the Revised Communist Index. Between November of 1957 and June of 1958 the Supervisors systematically reviewed - in alphabetical order - each of the cases on the Revised Communist Index. A certain number of cases were reviewed each day; cases were opened for investigation only when the facts warranted; principally for Security Index and informant consideration.

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Since the San Francisco Revised Communist Index is approximately one-tenth of the old Communist Index, the number of cases opened in San Francisco under Bulet of 10/2/58 will be considerably less than those opened in offices which have not yet purged their old Communist Indices.

If the experience of this office prevails throughout the Field, the Bureau can expect that the old Communist Indices in the various offices will be reduced to about one-tenth their former size.

It is believed that the Bureau's present program as set out in Bulet 10/2/58 is an excellent one. It carries out the Bureau's responsibility to make certain that there are no "sleepers," that subjects are placed on the Security Index when they belong there, and that the Bureau is taking advantage of every potential informant situation. The San Francisco Office is following this program with great interest and enthusiasm.

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Director, FBI (100-358086)

1/6/59 DATE:

SAC, San Francisco (100-44408)

SUBJECT:

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS

COMMUNIST INDEX

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to Albany 10/2/58 and SFlet to the Director dated 10/13/58.

Referenced SFlet noted that a previous program in this division had reduced the communist index from approximately 12,000 cards to 1,350.

The present program, initiated by referenced Bulet, provides that each Communist Index case be opened. They are being opened in alphabetical order.

Statistics for the period ending 12/30/58:

(1) 1350 on CI at beginning of program (2) 1322 on CI as of 12/30/58

(3) 28 removed from CI during period (a) 18 were removed in cases opened under this

program.

- (b) 7 of these were RUC'd to other divisions (The remaining 10 deletions (the difference between 18 and 28) from the CI were prompted by information received through our regular coverage and were not yet opened specifically under the alphabetical program. In this group 5 were placed on the SI, 3 were RUC'd to other divisions and I died.)
- (4) No informants or potential informants have been developed thus far.
- (5) I subject was placed on the SI as a result of this program and two others have been recommended

(6) No espionage cases have been opened.

(7) Four subjects were found to be employed at key facilities; appropriate action taken.

(8) No other instances occurred where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with the FBI's over-all

security responsibilities. San Francisco will continue to afford this Aprogram the closest attention. F - San Francisco RSB: cs

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то : (Director, FBI (100-358086)

DATE: 4/3/59

FROM

AC, San Francisco (100-44408)

subject:

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS COMMUNIST INDEX

IS - C

ReBulet to Albany dated 10/2/58 and SFlet to Director dated 1/6/59.

Statistics for the period beginning 1/1/59 and ending 3/31/59:

(1) 1350 on CI at beginning of program.

(2) 1244 on CI as of 3/31/59.

(3) 78 were removed from CI during period

- (a) 72 were removed in cases opened under this program.
- (b) Six of these were RUC'd to other divisions and four died.
- (c) The remaining six deletions (the difference between 72 and 78) from the CI were prompted by information received through regular coverage and were not opened specifically under this program. Of this group, two were placed on the SI and one was RUC'd to another division. One PSI was developed.

(4) No informants or potential informants have been developed thus far under the program.

(5) Six subjects were placed on the SI.(6) No espionage cases have been opened.

(7) Two subjects were found to be employed at key facilities and appropriate action was taken:

(8) In one instance a subject with sensitive employment was found and additional dissemination was made to the interested agencies.

With the exception of Item #2 above, these statisties are not cumulative with referenced SFlet dated 1/6/59.

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_DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

7/2/59DATE:

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-44408)

SUBJECT: SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS COMMUNIST INDEX IS - C

ReBulet to Albany dated 10/2/58 and San Francisco let to Director dated 4/3/59.

Statistics for the period beginning 4/1/59 and ending 6/30/59:

1350 on CI at beginning of program.

1058 on CI as of 6/30/59.

- 186 were removed from the CI during the period.
 - 175 were removed in cases under this program; 16 of these were RUC'd to other Divisions and 7 had died.
 - The remaining 11 deletions (the difference between 175 and 186) from the CI were prompted by information received through regular coverage and were not opened specifically under this program. Of this group, I was placed on the SI, 6 were RUC'd to other Divisions, and 1 PSI was developed.
- 2 potential informants were developed under the (4) program in this period.
- Four subjects were placed on the SI.

No espionage cases have been opened.

10 subjects were found to be employed at Key Facilities and appropriate action has been taken.

No instance of subjects with delicate or sensitive employments or relationships requiring additional dissemination was found.

With the exception of item #2 above, these statistics are not cumulative with referenced San Francisco lets dated 4/3/59 and 1/6/59. REC-73 1000-258086-47-239

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DIRECTOR, FBF (100-358086) 10/5/59

ŠAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-44408)

SUBJECT:

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS COMMUNIST INDEX

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ReBulet to Albany dated 10/2/58 and San Francisco letter to Director dated 7/2/59.

Statistics for the period beginning 7/1/59 and ending 9/30/59.

1350 on CI at beginning of program

998 on CI as of 9/30/59

151 were removed from the CI during the period

a. 132 were removed in cases under this program; 5 of these were RUC'd to other divisions and 5 died.

b. The remaining 19 deletions (the difference between 132 and 151) from the CI were prompted by information received through regular coverage and were not opened specifically under this program. In this group 4 were placed on the SI, 1 was RUC'd and 1 died.

No potential informants were developed under the program (4)in this period.

6 subjects were placed on the SI

No espionage cases have been opened

7 subjects were found to be employed at Key Facilities and appropriate action has been taken.

(8)l instance of subject with delicate or sensitive employment requiring additional dissemination was found.

Cumulative Statistics for period 10/2/58 - 9/30/59

1350 on CI at beginning of program

998 on CI as of 9/30/59

443 were removed from the CI

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- a. 397 were removed in cases under this program; 34 of these were RUC'd to other divisions and 16 had died.
- b. The remaining 46 deletions (the difference between 397 and 443) were prompted by information received through regular coverage and were not opened specifically under this program. In this group 12 were put on SI, 11 were RUC'd, 2 died and 2 PSIs were developed.
- (4) 2 potential informants were developed
 (5) 17 subjects were placed on the SI
 (6) No espionage cases were opened
 (7) 23 subjects were found to be employed at Key Facilities
 (8) 2 instances requiring additional dissemination were found

It is noted that concurrently, through deletions from the SI, from cases RUC'd by other divisions, and by cases initially meeting the RCI criteria, 91 persons have been added to the CI during the period of this program.

ENCLOSURE: 1
TO: DIRECTOR FB1
FROM: SAC. SF (100-2881)
RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF ISA-50 BY
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NOTICE TO ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THIS FACILITY

The Secretary of Defense has designated this facility as a "defense facility" pursuant to section 5 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as amended (64 Stat. 987, 992; 50 U.S.C. 784).

- 1. When a Communist organization as defined in section 3(5) of the Act as amended (64 Stat. 987, 990; 50 U.S.C. 782(5)) is registered with the Attorney General of the United States or there is in effect a final order of the Subversive Activities Control Board requiring such organization to register, it is unlawful for any member of such organization, with knowledge or notice that such organization is registered or that such order has become final—
 - (a) in seeking, accepting, or holding employment in any defense facility, to conceal or fail to disclose the fact that he is a member of such organization; or
 - (b) if such organization is a Communist-action organization, to engage in any employment in any defense facility.
 - 11. It is unlawful for any officer or employee of a defense facility, with knowledge

or notice that a Communist organization is so registered or that such an order has become final—

- (a) to contribute funds or services to such organization; or
- (b) to advise, counsel or urge any person, with knowledge or notice that such person is a member of such organization, to perform, or to omit to perform, any act if such act or omission would constitute a violation of the provisions set forth in Paragraph I above.

The Communist Party of the United States of America, since October 20, 1961, has been and is under a final order of the Subversive Activities Control Board to register with the Attorney General as a Communist-action organization. Therefore, the foregoing provisions of the Internal Security Act are presently applicable as to the Communist Party of the United States of America and its members.

Section 15(c) of the Act (64 Stat. 987, 1002; 50 U.S.C. 794(c)) provides that any individual who violates any of the above prohibitions shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for each such violation by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.



THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUGUST 1962

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE:

1/16/63

FROM

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-28810)

SUBJECT:

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
OF INDIVIDUALS - ADOPTIONS

BY COMMUNISTS

ReBulet to Los Angeles with copies to West Coast offices dated January 14, 1963.

Agents handling security investigations in San Francisco have been apprised of the contents of referenced Bureau letter and recall three instances of adoptions of minor children by individuals who were communists at the time of the adoption. They are:

BEN and MARION SILLS, Bufiles 100-201754 and 100-249912, San Francisco files 100-23961 and 100-19947;

Bufiles 100-377773 and 100-379709, San Francisco files 100-27124 and 100-27045:

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Bufiles 100-357968 and 100-357572, San Francisco files 100-28064 and 100-27583.

These were the only adoptions recalled at this time and as indicated above, these adoptions took place some years ago.

The JOHNSONs are no longer married to each other.

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